Cancellation of trains due to fog

1441. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains cancelled during January and February this year due to fog; and

(b) the action taken by Government to avoid cancellation of trains due to fog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) 898 trains were cancelled during January and February this year due to fog.

(b) Efforts are made not to resort to cancellation of trains during foggy conditions. The trains were cancelled only in dense fog conditions with extremely poor visibility when it was not possible to run them to time, and to avoid complete dislocation of services and of rake links.

Electrification and doubling of Shikohabad Farukhabad rail line

†1442. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for electrification and doubling of the rail tracks from Shikohabad to Farukhabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the same is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Due to constraint of resources and relative priority for electrification of other high density routes, there is, at present, no proposal to electrify this section.

So far as the doubling is concerned, the traffic on the above section has not yet reached the level to justify its doubling.

General coaches to AP Express train

1443. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to increase the general coaches to Andhra Express and other Andhra Pradesh bound trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.